

New Los Angeles Elementary School

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Cc: Kate O'Brien <kobrien@newlosangeles.org>, Xochitl Lira <xlira@newlosangeles.org>

Dear Vernail,

Thank you for checking in with me this morning. This email message is to clarify that we have been filming protest activity on public property due to safety concerns, and we have no intentions of filming Baldwin Hills Elementary School students.

As I shared on our call this morning, on Monday and Tuesday, teachers from Baldwin Hills blocked the entrance to our parking lot. We had a staff member assigned to film the protest activity due to safety concerns. Our bus was unable to enter the lot and parents were prevented from dropping off their children at our gate.

Yesterday afternoon, we were notified that the protestors were uncomfortable with the filming because they have students on the line who do not have signed releases from parents. This morning, we did not assign a staff member to film, but I took a 15 second clip to document the activity. To my knowledge, there were no students on the picket line this morning. Baldwin Hills teachers had a parent filming our administration all morning as we ran carline. Several teachers even went as far as to walk up to us and snap pictures in our faces.

Please know that our message to the New LA community regarding this situation has been, and will continue to be, "Do not to engage!". We are doing everything in our power to keep the peace. We have even gone as far as to run our carline from the Baldwin Hills Rec Center to minimize the opportunity for engagement, which we will continue to do throughout the week. We want to make sure conditions are safe for all student who are trying to come to school.

Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions for what we can do to improve the situation. Feel free to reach me on my cell anytime at [REDACTED]

Best wishes,
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